

Amendment

Applicant: Andreas Meckes et al.

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Title: ELECTRONIC COMPONENT AND METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION

REMARKS

Claims 7-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-6 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 15 is amended.

The October 5, 2005 Office Action rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claim 15 is amended to overcome this rejection.

The October 5, 2005 Office Action rejected claims 7, 9, 10, 13-14, 17, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Cheung (U.S. 2005/0189621). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The rejected claims find full support in the priority document DE 102 56 116.8, a certified copy of which was filed with the application and which has a filing date earlier than the earliest date to which the Cheung reference is entitled. In accordance with MPEP § 201.15, enclosed is an English-language translation of the certified copy. The translation of the certified copy is accurate. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection over Cheung is overcome.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any extensions of time and to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 that may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500471.

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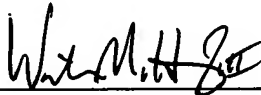
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Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 500471.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 1st day of February, 2006.

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